

Hjørundfjord, Sunnmøre, Norway

One of Norway's last truly wild fjords, Hjørundfjord carves deep through the Sunnmøre Alps — jagged peaks soaring 1,700 m straight from the water, tiny farm villages clinging to the slopes, and not a megaship in sight.

Tender port (no cruise pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Norwegian Krone (NOK) — but cashless cards accepted everywhere

Norwegian (English widely spoken)

Best for hikers and nature lovers

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to floating pontoon at Urke village

Walk to center: You step off the tender into Urke — the entire village is under 10 min on foot

Best For: Epic fjord hiking, scenic silence, historic Hotel Union Øye

Don't Miss: The sunken village at Lyngstøylvatnet lake in Norangsdalen valley

Getting around: Taxi NOK 500–1,400 per trip · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Norangsdalen Valley & Lyngstøylvatnet** — Drive or cycle into the wild Norangsdalen valley, flanked by sheer rock walls, to reach Lyngstøylvatnet — a lake formed by a 1908 landslide that...
 - Mt. Slogen Hike (1,564 m)** — The 'Queen of the Sunnmøre Alps' rewards fit hikers with a dramatic pyramid summit and views spanning dozens of peaks and fjord arms.
- Mt. Saksa Hike (1,030 m)** — A challenging but achievable summit above Urke with roughly 1,000 m of ascent.
 - Hotel Union Øye Lunch or Afternoon Tea** — One of Europe's great historic hotels (1891), about 6 km from Urke at the village of Øye.
 - Fjord Kayaking** — Paddle at water level beneath 1,700 m walls of rock — the best way to appreciate the scale of the Sunnmøre Alps.

BEST WALKS

- Urke Village & Shoreline Stroll** 500 m · 10 min · Flat · Free — From the tender pontoon, walk the full length of Urke past traditional Norwegian farmhouses, manicured gardens, and old barns.
- Walk to Hotel Union Øye** 6 km one way · 1.5 hrs · Flat · Scenic — A flat, paved road hugs the southern shore of the fjord from Urke to the historic hamlet of Øye.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	46°	35°	16d	
Jun	64°	51°	18d	
Aug	65°	53°	22d	
Sep	60°	49°	19d	
Oct	49°	39°	19d	

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:09AM–8:59PM · Aug 5:37AM–9:36PM · Sep 6:59AM–7:56PM · Oct 8:19AM–6:18PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for the mountains, not a beach resort. Weather changes fast in the Sunnmøre Alps — bring a waterproof jacket and sturdy shoes even if skies look clear at the pier.
- Go cashless. Norway is effectively a cash-free society. Cards and contactless (including Apple/Google Pay) work at the village shop, cafe, and any excursion booking. No ATM in Urke.
- Book Hotel Union Øye months in advance. The Victorian dining room is legendary and fills up fast on ship call days. Same-day walk-ins are rarely accommodated for lunch.
- Tender queues build quickly. If you have a ship's excursion, you get priority boarding. Independent explorers should get to the tender station early to maximise time ashore.
- The fjord water is cold. Crystal-clear but typically 10–14 °C (50–57 °F) in summer. Brave the polar plunge near the pier if you dare — locals respect it as a tradition.
- Mobile signal is patchy on the trails. Download offline maps (Maps.me or Google Maps offline) before heading up any mountain trail — you'll lose signal quickly above the treeline.

Hjørundfjord, Sunnmøre, Norway — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal